

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 69, 72, 79, 82, and 89. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. - 68. (cancelled).

69. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus for controlling via a communication medium a peripheral that processes a job, which executes a predetermined service, the apparatus comprising:

an obtaining unit adapted to obtain, via the communication medium, function information that includes information indicating plural setting values executable by the peripheral; and

an issuance unit adapted to issue a job in response to a user instruction; and

an inhibition unit adapted to, if at least one of the plural setting values of a the job ~~to be issued by the information processing apparatus related to the user instruction~~ does not satisfy a predetermined condition related to the plural setting values indicated by the function information obtained by the obtaining unit, inhibit issuance of the job by the issuance unit,

wherein the inhibition unit allows issuance of the job by the issuance unit, if the plural setting values of the job satisfy the predetermined condition.

70. (previously presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 69, wherein the function information obtained by the obtaining unit includes information indicating a job

attribute range executable by the peripheral, and further comprising a display unit adapted to distinguishably display the job attribute range on a user interface provided in a control program for controlling the peripheral based on the obtained function information.

71. (previously presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 69, wherein the obtaining unit obtains information indicating a function setting range executable by the peripheral.

72. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 71, wherein the information indicating the function setting range is expressed with a combination of attributes for which a job setting is inhibited; further comprising:

a determination unit adapted to determine whether an inhibition attribute is set for the job; and

a discrimination unit adapted to discriminate whether a combination of attributes set for the job is inhibited, if the determination unit determines that an inhibition attribute is set for the job,

wherein the inhibition unit inhibits issuance of the job by the issuance unit, if the discrimination unit discriminates that a combination of attributes set for the job is inhibited.

73. (previously presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 69, wherein the obtaining unit obtains information indicating a function selectable in the peripheral.

74. (previously presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 69, wherein the obtaining unit obtains from the peripheral an attribute list indicating functions of the peripheral, and obtains a value of an attribute by designating an ID of the attribute in the attribute list.

75. (previously presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 69, wherein the obtaining unit obtains from the peripheral an attribute list indicating functions corresponding to one of a physical device control program, a logical device control program, a resource control program of the peripheral, and a coordinate control program for coordination thereof.

76. (previously presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 75, wherein the physical device control program includes at least one of a scanner control program that controls a scanner engine of the peripheral, a laser beam printer control program that controls a laser beam printer engine of the peripheral, and an ink jet printer control program that controls an ink jet printer engine of the peripheral.

77. (previously presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 75, wherein the logical device control program includes at least one of a print job control program that controls a laser beam printer control program, a print job control program that controls an ink jet printer control program, a print job control program that controls the laser beam printer control program and the ink jet printer control program, a scan job control program that controls a scanner control program, a copy job control program that controls the scanner control program

and the laser beam printer control program, and a copy job control program that controls the scanner control program and the ink jet printer control program.

78. (previously presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 69, wherein the obtaining unit obtains the function information from the peripheral.

79. (currently amended) An information processing method for controlling via a communication medium a peripheral that processes a job which executes a predetermined service, the method comprising steps of:

an obtaining step of obtaining, via the communication medium, function information that includes information indicating plural setting values executable by the peripheral; and

an issuance step of issuing a job in response to a user instruction; and
an inhibition step of, if at least one of the plural setting values of a the job to be issued by the information processing apparatus related to the user instruction does not satisfy a predetermined condition related to the plural setting values indicated by the function information obtained in the obtaining step, inhibiting issuance of the job in the issuance step.

wherein the inhibiting step includes allowing issuance of the job in the issuance step, if the plural setting values of the job satisfy the predetermined condition.

80. (previously presented) An information processing method according to Claim 79, wherein the function information obtained in the obtaining step includes information indicating a job

attribute range executable by the peripheral, and wherein the method further comprises a step of distinguishably displaying on a display unit the job attribute range on a user interface provided in a control program for controlling the peripheral based on the obtained function information.

81. (previously presented) An information processing method according to Claim 79, wherein the obtaining step includes obtaining information indicating a function setting range executable by the peripheral.

82. (currently amended) An information processing method according to Claim 81, ~~wherein the information indicating the function setting range is expressed with a combination of attributes for which a job setting is inhibited;~~ further comprising:

a determination step of determining whether an inhibition attribute is set for the job; and

a discrimination step of discriminating whether a combination of attributes set for the job is inhibited, if the determination step determines that an inhibition attribute is set for the job,

wherein the inhibition step inhibits issuance of the job by the issuance unit, if the discrimination step discriminates that a combination of attributes set for the job is inhibited.

83. (previously presented) An information processing method according to Claim 79, wherein the obtaining step includes obtaining information indicating a function selectable in the peripheral.

84. (previously presented) An information processing method according to Claim 79, wherein the obtaining step includes obtaining from the peripheral an attribute list indicating functions of the peripheral, and obtaining a value of an attribute by designating an ID of the attribute in the attribute list.

85. (previously presented) An information processing method according to Claim 79, wherein the obtaining step includes obtaining from the peripheral an attribute list indicating functions corresponding to one of a physical device control program, a logical device control program, a resource control program of the peripheral, and a coordinate control program for coordination thereof.

86. (previously presented) An information processing method according to Claim 85, wherein the physical device control program includes at least one of a scanner control program that controls a scanner engine of the peripheral, a laser beam printer control program that controls a laser beam printer engine of the peripheral, and an ink jet printer control program that controls an ink jet printer engine of the peripheral.

87. (previously presented) An information processing method according to Claim 85, wherein the logical device control program includes at least one of a print job control program that controls a laser beam printer control program, a print job control program that controls an ink jet printer control program, a print job control program that controls the laser beam printer control program and the ink jet printer control program, a scan job control program that controls a

scanner control program, a copy job control program that controls the scanner control program and the laser beam printer control program, and a copy job control program that controls the scanner control program and the ink jet printer control program.

88. (previously presented) An information processing method according to Claim 79, wherein the obtaining step includes obtaining the function information from the peripheral.

89. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium, storing, in executable form, a program for causing an information processing apparatus to control via a communication medium a peripheral that processes a job, which executes a predetermined service, the program comprising:

obtaining code for obtaining, via the communication medium, function information that includes information indicating plural setting values executable by the peripheral; and

issuance code for issuing a job in response to a user instruction; and

inhibiting code for, if at least one of the plural setting values of a the job-to-be issued by the information processing apparatus related to the user instruction does not satisfy a predetermined condition related to the plural setting values indicated by the function information obtained in accordance with the obtaining code, inhibiting issuance of the job by the issuance code,

wherein the inhibiting code allows issuance of the job by the issuance code, if the plural setting values of the job satisfy the predetermined condition.

90. (previously presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 69, wherein the setting values of a job include a setting value as to a number of print sheets and a setting value as to a finisher device of the peripheral, and wherein the inhibition unit inhibits issuance of the job if the setting value as to the number of print sheets exceeds a predetermined value.

91. (previously presented) An information processing method according to claim 79, wherein the setting values of a job include a setting value as to a number of print sheets and a setting value as to a finisher device of the peripheral, and wherein the inhibiting step inhibits issuance of the job if the setting value as to the number of print sheets exceeds a predetermined value.